

General Fund – Program Revenues

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Public Protection

Fire:

Fire Permits - This fee covers the costs associated with issuing permits for controlled fires and special event tent requirements.

Police:

Towing Permits - Permits are issued for tow trucks on the rotation list. (No permits are sold or required to be on the rotation list.) The tow truck companies are required to have a business license but this generates no revenue for the City.

Community Services and Development

Public Works:

Taxicab Inspection Fees - This revenue is received for inspecting taxicabs for taxicab permits.

Street Cut Permits - Revenue from permits issued primarily for gas, electric, telephone, and cable television utility right-of-way excavations.

Driveway Permits - Revenue from permits issued for cutting driveways into existing curbs.

City-County Inspections:

Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, and Fire Permits - The projection for FY 2005-06 assumed building activity will decrease slightly compared to the FY 2004-05 levels.

Sign Permits - This line represents the revenue generated from the issuance of sign permits. The budget estimate for FY 2005-06 is consistent with recent trends.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES

Public Protection

Police:

Durham Housing Authority - The City receives a payment from the Durham Housing Authority to support funding of officers in the Public Housing areas. DHA receives these funds through a federal grant; the payment will decrease in FY 2005-06 due to a reduction in grant revenue.

CHARGES FOR CURRENT SERVICES

Charges for service include user fees for recreation, police, fire, transportation, engineering, cemeteries, planning, and other city services. Charges to the State and to Durham County for services that the City provides (such as services provided under an interlocal agreement) are also included in this category.

Governance

City Clerk - These revenues are from the sale of City Code supplements and copies of public records. In FY 2005-06, revenues are expected to stay the same.

Budget & Management Services – An annexation petition fee pays for recordation of adopted annexation plats, legally required advertisements, copying costs and a small portion of staff time required to process the petition. This fee is new for FY 2005-06.

Public Protection

Communications Center:

Communications Services - This item represents the reimbursement by Durham County for the costs associated with dispatching County volunteer fire departments and ambulances and receiving 911 calls for the Sheriff's Department. The County assumes 21% of the Communications Center budget in accordance with an Interlocal Agreement.

Wireless Surcharge - In FY 2000-01, the State implemented a surcharge on wireless telephone numbers of \$.80 per month. Proceeds are divided amongst eligible 9-1-1 Centers, wireless carriers and manufacturers. The Durham 9-1-1 Center is eligible to receive a portion of these funds. The 9-1-1 Surcharge is a separate surcharge authorized by the Durham County Board of County Commissioners and is \$.60 per telephone line, per month, to a maximum of 100 lines per account. This money is collected by the telephone companies and is forwarded to the Durham County Finance office. Of the funds collected, 99% are forwarded to the County with the remaining 1% retained by the telephone companies for administrative costs. The City initially pays for all allowable expenses associated with these surcharges and bills back the County to recover the funds.

Police:

False Alarm Charges - This item represents service fees for answering fire and police false alarms. The FY2005-06 budget assumes a new fee structure will be implemented January 1, 2006 in order to discourage false alarms.

Officers' Fees - This revenue source is a reimbursement by the General Court of Justice for officers' service of legal process documents.

Fingerprints and Photographs - Charges to private individuals for fingerprints and photographs, supplied by the Police Department, are included in this item.

Wrecker Service Registration - A fee is assessed against wrecker services who are registered and dispatched from the Police Department to clear accident scenes. During FY 2004-05, the City increased the fee from \$3.00 to \$10.00 per tow to cover the costs of police officers associated with this program.

Fire:

Fire Protection - State-Owned Buildings - In FY 1983-84, the State began to reimburse local governments for providing fire protection services for State-owned facilities. In FY 1997-98, the General Assembly raised the reimbursement amounts paid to cities. The amount of reimbursement has been held constant.

Fire Inspections Fees - The FY 2001-02 budget included new fees that are tiered based on square footage ranging from \$15 for a business occupying less than 1,000 square feet to \$240 for those occupying 50,000 square feet or more. This revenue is a result of the State placing more restrictions on how inspections are done. Hazardous material inspection fees are included here.

Community Services and Development

Public Works: Street Signs and Markings - This revenue represents the billing to the State for maintenance of signs and markings on State system streets and highways within the City Limits.

Traffic Signals - This revenue represents the billing to the State for maintenance of traffic signals on State system streets and highways within the City Limits.

Schedule D Computer - This revenue represents the State's contribution to operate and maintain the traffic signal control computer.

NCDOT State Highway Maintenance - Revenue paid by the State Department of Transportation for street maintenance work by the City on State highway system streets within the City Limits.

Special Street Maintenance - Charges made to utility companies for utility cut repairs and fees paid by individuals for private street maintenance services.

Engineering Inspection Fees - Revenues included in this category are for the inspection by City staff of new street construction in private subdivisions including stormwater drainage and sidewalks. New street construction drawing review and fire flow test fees are also included.

Topographic and other Maps - This line item records the revenue that the Public Works Department will receive from the sale of maps.

Traffic Impact Analysis - Development review fees associated with the review of traffic impact.

City/County Planning:

Planning Fees - Revenue in this category includes fees for reviewing proposed development plans, zoning change requests, site plan compliance and variances and use permits. The projection for FY 2005-06 reflects the fees recommended by staff to cover the actual cost of processing the applications, a 15% increase in the estimated activity above what was projected for 2004-05, and renewed interest in wireless communication facility applications as a result of the expired moratorium on such facilities.

Durham County Planning Services – Under an interlocal agreement, Durham County reimburses the City for its share of joint City/County Planning services. Since FY 1999-00, the City and County have each assumed 50% of the Planning budget net of user fees unless one entity elects to solely fund a position. In FY 2005-06, the City and County are each funding 50% of the Planning Budget with no positions solely funded by either entity.

City/County Inspections:

Durham County Inspections Services - In FY 2002-03, Durham County reimbursed the City 14% of the Inspections Departments appropriations for its share of the joint City/County Inspections. County Inspections fees were remitted to the County every six months after reconciliation. Starting in FY 2003-04, the City began 100% retention of County inspections revenue. The County no longer reimburses the City for its share of the Inspections function.

Parks and Recreation:

Registration Fees – This category includes revenues generated from Summer Day Camp and After School programming.

Special Activities - Items in this category include entry fees for adult athletic organization leagues, gymnastics, special interest camps, road races, instructional classes, Senior Games, etc. Fees for these activities are intended to recover expenses involved for services provided. Registration rates are set to recover direct and indirect costs of each activity.

Admissions - Revenues included in this account are swimming pool fees and picnic shelter reservations.

Entry Fees - Revenues generated by entry fees for youth softball, basketball, baseball, and volleyball are included here.

Use Charges - This item includes revenues generated through rental of City equipment, Lake Michie, Durham Athletic Park, West Point, Little River Lake, the Armory, Peoples Security Plaza, and the Omni Plaza.

Solid Waste Collection:

Stationary Container Collection Fees - This item includes fees paid for by commercial and multifamily units for stationary container service, bulky item pickup, and cardboard recycling.

Yard Waste Collection Fee - This item includes fees paid for by residential owners for yard waste collection services, yard waste cart replacement, and bulky item pickup.

Administrative and Support Services

Finance:

Duplicating and Graphics - These are charges to customers outside the City for duplicating and graphics services. This revenue had been in the former internal service fund.

Technology Solutions:

Durham County GIS Service - The City is responsible for coordinating and managing overall countywide GIS operations, which includes GIS software installation and maintenance, GIS databases management, technical support, customized maps and application development and training. It currently operates under an interlocal cooperation agreement effective since July 1, 1998. Durham County reimburses the City 50% of the GIS operation cost each year. The department began providing mapping and data distribution services to the public in 1999. The fees are based on two policies. The GIS data access and distribution policy went into effect on July 1st, 1999 and the GIS data distribution policy for commercial use was adopted by the City Council on August 7th, 2000.

General Services:

Project Management Charges - The project management staff charge their time to some capital projects.

Air Lease Tower Fees – Space leased on a City-owned tower on Camden Avenue for use by cell phone companies' antennae.

Cemetery Lot Sales - Revenue from the sale of grave spaces at both Beechwood and Maplewood cemeteries.

Cemetery Interment Fees - Revenue generated from burial fees at both Beechwood and Maplewood cemeteries.

Cemetery Upkeep and Design - Revenue represents the fee charged to citizens who request additional maintenance at specific gravesites.

Columbarium Charges - This item includes revenue generated from fees charged for burial niches, urns, burial plaque engraving, and miscellaneous upkeep charges.

NCDOT Mowing Reimbursement - This line item represents a reimbursement from the North Carolina Department of Transportation to cover its cost of mowing the state highway rights-of-way that are included in the City of Durham's Mowing Contract.

Radio Maintenance Charges - This item represents fees for servicing radios outside of the City owned radios.

INTRAGOVERNMENTAL SERVICES

This section is used to record those revenues associated with services provided by one City department to another department.

Community Services and Development**Public Works:**

Street Maintenance Charges - These charges occur as a result of General Fund divisions performing street construction and stormwater system work for other departments or divisions in other funds.

Engineering Fees - This revenue represents charges to bond and construction funds for engineering services provided by the Engineering Divisions.

TRANSFERS FROM OTHER FUNDS

Governance**Budget and Management Services:**

From Water and Sewer Fund - This transfer covers the partial costs associated with a budget and management analyst dedicated to the Water and Sewer Operating and Construction Funds.

Community Services and Development**Public Works:**

From Water and Sewer Fund - This line represents a reimbursement from the Water and Sewer Fund for costs incurred for the Public Works Director's Office.

From Storm Water Fund - This line represents a reimbursement from the Storm Water Fund for costs incurred for the Public Works Director's Office.

Administrative and Support Services**Finance:**

From Water and Sewer Fund - This line represents a reimbursement from the Water and Sewer Fund for costs incurred for delinquent collections activity.

From Storm Water Fund - This line represents a reimbursement from the Storm Water Fund for costs incurred for delinquent collections activity.

General Services:

Transfer From Perpetual Care Fund - Investment income from the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund has been transferred to help offset the costs of cemetery maintenance. In FY 2005-06 a portion of this investment income will be returned to the Perpetual Care Fund to assist with long term maintenance of the cemeteries.